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OUR TOWN

Gate Closed On Lake Garfield Dam

The gate at the Lake Garfield Dam was closed to within three inches in early February by Phillip Newey, who was hired by the Lake Garfield Assoc. Later in the month the gate was closed completely and, according to Dean Amidon, President of the Lake Garfield Association, the lake seems to be filling up well.

Town Caucuses Scheduled

The Republican Caucus is scheduled for March 21 at 8:00 in the Social Room of the United Church of Christ. The Democratic Caucus will be held on March 28 at 7:30, same location.

Applicants Sought for Counters and Checkers at Elections

Counters and Checkers are needed both at Town Primaries and Town Elections every year. Checkers check off names of voters as they come through the voting line, and Counters count ballots. All registered voters in Monterey are eligible for the job. Anyone interested in details of salary and hours may call Sue McIver in the evenings between 6 & 8 at 528-1258. Also needed is a list of names of people willing to do the street listing done annually in January. Call Sue at the number given above.

Democratic Party Chairman Resigns

Fred Lancome has resigned as Chairman of the Democratic Party. The new Chairperson will be Kay Mielke.

Monterey Energy Project

Coordinators of the Monterey Energy Project wish to thank everyone for the good response to the letter in last month's Monterey News. They report that more than 20% of the Energy Inventory Questionnaires have been received back as well. There will be a letter of reminder written soon to get that response going again.

Town Meeting Set for May 3

Monterey's Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for May 3 of this year. It has been observed by people in places both high and low that vigor and participation in recent Town Meetings has slacked off considerably. People don't ask questions like they used to. The Monterey News intends to use the March and April issues to make the issues and terminology of Town meeting more intelligible. This month we will print what amounts to a Glossary of Terms. Next month we will examine some of the items on the proposed warrant in greater detail than that in which they are presented in each article. This will be done in the hope that readers who arrive at this year's Town Meeting with a firm understanding of what, for instance, "Cherry Sheet" means will therefore participate with courage, wisdom and informed vociferation.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fellow Citizens, as the annual town meeting draws near, the men and women of the Police Department would like to solicit your support for the appropriation of funds to purchase a new Police Cruiser to replace the present six year old one.

The present cruiser now has approximately 100,000 miles on it in travel and idle time, and starting to use a great deal of oil. There is much needed repair on the present cruiser such as suspension, all new tires, repair leaks on front and rear windshields, trunk leaks, new brake linings, repair holes in body, engine job to the tune of \$1,853.00. That is a great deal of tax dollars to spend when in fact only \$1,500.00 is its worth on a trade-in.

A new cruiser is needed to carry on our vital police services. The year ending December 1979 was a very successful year for the Police Department. The men have completed extensive training programs sponsored by the Mass. Criminal Justice

Training Council now mandated by law. This training has provided the Department with the expertise to deal effectively with an individual's constitutional rights. Our additional medical and C.P.R. training have enabled the department to provide emergency medical care at auto accidents and other areas where medical aid is needed in the home or outdoor activities.

There is a tremendous responsibility placed upon any given Police Officer during any call day or night. You never know what you're up against on certain calls as family disputes, breaks into homes, robberies, suicides or even murders. Many people think of police as radar experts or just plain trouble makers on the hyway handing out citations. Believe me this is only scratching the surface of police work.

Your taxes are for your protection twenty-four hours a day 365 days a year.

We urge all interested citizens to voice their opinions and ask questions during the May Town Meeting. Help us to continue to serve you effectively.

THANK YOU.....

Officers: James Christie
Dan Whitbeck
Pat Christie

Douglas H. Lyman
Chief of Police
Town of Monterey

Editor's note: The Police will be going door to door during the weeks preceding the Town Meeting to answer questions and give further details. For those who are curious, the total price of a new cruiser, including trade-in is \$7,000.00. All special equipment will be transferred from one car to the other.



About six weeks ago the Hassan family home on Main Street in Great Barrington was badly damaged by fire. Although the restaurant section - "Aladin" was untouched, the living quarters upstairs were destroyed. Fortunately a small cottage on Gould Farm - Snow Cottage at the southern end of the campus - was vacant. Mr. and Mrs. Hassan with their six youngest children have been living there. They are clever managers and have somehow been able to get along on a temporary basis. The children are friendly and everyone enjoys glimpses of them, as they come and go.

With the assistance of the Presbyterian Church in N.Y.C. arrangements were made over the last three months, for three young Vietnamese brothers, "boat people," to come to Gould Farm. Nguyen, Khan, Nguyen Van and Nguyen Loi arrived in Albany on Feb. 15 by plane and were met by the Rev. Cory Loder, counsellor and social worker at the Farm, who had put through the necessary arrangements. As reported in the Berkshire Courier for Feb. 21, "They had left their home in Vietnam on April 5, 1979 in a 55ft. open boat, crammed with 248 people. After drifting at sea for two days, they came ashore in West Malaysia in the village of Trenzannu. Twelve days later, they were taken to a refugee camp in Pulau Bi Dong, not far from where they landed. There they stayed with many other refugees for ten months. The three brothers, whose parents, five sisters and one younger brother still live in Vietnam in a village about 160 miles west of Saigon, departed from Malaysia Feb. 14. They were flown from there to Kuwait, then to Frankfurt, Germany, then to London, New York and finally to Albany. Nguyen Loi (pronounced Lee) is attending Mt. Everett High School, which he says he enjoys very much. He goes to English class there and has a tutor in study periods. He is picking up English rapidly. His older brothers are working on Gould Farm. They are being helped with English by Stella Bodner of Monterey, who has volunteered to be their teacher. The Vietnamese family in West Stockbridge at the "Orient Express" has been most helpful. The brothers think it will probably take them about a year to learn the language well enough to continue with their education and launch out on their own. Meanwhile they make themselves a most welcome addition to the Farm community.

On Feb 14 Leslie Stickles came to join the work force at Gould Farm for six months or a year, she says. She grew up in Pittsfield but has lived in California for the last five years attending City College of San Francisco for a year and a half. There she studied horticulture. Recently, after returning to Pittsfield, she went to look for a job at the Employment Service and for the first time learned of Gould Farm. She is interested in working with people and in using her training in horticulture. She hopes eventually to study agriculture at the University of Mass.

Susan Lindsay arrived here on Feb 18, also as a work leader. She heard of the Farm through a former guest, Romi Chesney. Susan had a year at Westbrook Junior College and then earned an L.P.N. at Beverly Hospital Nursing School. She went on to get her R.N. at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bangor, Maine and has been working in intensive care for heart patients for the last five years. She plans to stay at the Farm for a period of four to six months.

Our good friend, Jetske Benoma, a teacher in the Netherlands, has returned for the fourth time to help at Gould Farm. She is a much needed addition to the work force. Karalee Muller, who until a few months ago was the house parent at McKee House, has come back to stay through the summer. We are extremely glad to have her here again.

Rose McKee

Living Gently on the Earth, II

The article on "Living Gently on the Earth" last month brought more comment from readers than usual. There was fairly general approval of the idea of working toward a society that relates more carefully and respectfully to the earth. Several felt the article was not careful enough regarding information on renewable energy sources. One correspondent suggested the information regarding the alternative energy possibilities "seem to be in the same mold as recent advertisements selling devices for the automobile that, at little cost, improve mileage up to 37%."

I did not pretend the article to give the impression that there were a number of renewable energy sources waiting to step into the breach of our energy crisis and solve it as easily "as rolling off a log". Admittedly, if such solutions were adequately developed there would be no way they would not soon be in actual operation. I tried to guard against judging which of the various proposals might become feasible by saying, "I am not in a position to verify how many of these methods will become practicable or how soon." Admittedly, a qualifying statement of this kind easily gets lost when set in the context of "reporting" on developments that point toward ways of helping us to live more gently on the earth. I do not believe and I do not want to encourage others to believe there are easy and inexpensive solutions to our energy problems. I apologize to any who may have thought I wanted to convey that notion.

One of the reasons I thoroughly enjoy and appreciate reader response is that it opens up a valuable process. It begins discussion and involvement in issues vital to our welfare. In this context let me engage with you a bit further on my concern for learning to live gently on the earth. I believe it is a critical and necessary positioning for the human family to learn. I believe further that it is becoming more and more difficult for mankind to sustain itself at the level of forcing and violence that has characterized much of the life-style in which many of us were nurtured.

As individuals, what a long task many of us have had in learning to live more gently with ourselves. I grew up in a context that espoused "non-violence," yet how slowly it penetrated my consciousness to practice gentleness even with my own self. How often I tried to force myself to be good - to force myself to develop admirable qualities. It was as though goodness and strength were not qualities inherent in my nature but had to be whipped or driven into place. In my counseling work how often I find myself dealing with persons who are treating themselves with a form of violence. They imagine that their own nature will improve only as they exercise some sort of force against the lazy, undisciplined, uneducated part of themselves. The miracle of life is that people often do become "better" even while they are treating themselves so violently. So they suppose the violence they used on themselves was good for them. What many fail to realize is that the "good" may have come into place, not because of, but in spite of their violence. Indeed, I have come to believe that many of us spend most of a life-time in learning the wisdom of being gently with the self. Being gently with oneself is very much like learning to love the self.

I sometimes imagine that humanity learning to live gently on the earth is almost as momentous a thing to learn as learning to be gentle with ourselves. In one of the Genesis stories of creation mention is made of man having dominion over the earth. Well, take that statement and apply it with the face value we usually place on the word "dominion" and we are off and running - coming out just where our generation finds itself. Dominion, control, exploitation - these words convey some of the style we thought necessary to wrest from the earth elements necessary for our life. Yes, it seems we have the notion we must treat the earth something like the way we treated ourselves. How long it takes us to learn that we grow with a sounder health when we are gentle with ourselves. Could it be that the human family is in the process of learning this same thing in regard to the earth?

Yes, I have an axe to grind, I have a concern for the shape our human society takes. I feel the ground on which we stand is being shaken and broken by our efforts to force good things from it. In the childhood of the human race we thought we could exploit and misuse the earth endlessly. We supposed dear old mother earth would tolerate an endless stream of abuse from us. Now, we in this generation are beginning to witness the limits to this course. It may be hard learning to treat ourselves gently - but learn it we must if we are to grow to any real maturity. It may be hard to learn to live gently on the earth - but this, too, we must learn if humanity is to find its fulfillment.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

Monterey General Store "watchers" are being treated to a series of visual treats as the renovations proceed. As one peeks in the front door the eyes are impressed with the wonderful sense of open space being created. Where does all that light and openness come from? At the last peek the ceilings were being installed. In any major renovation of a building it appears at first that destruction is the order of the day. The point has now been reached in the Monterey Store renovation that the creative part of the endeavor is beginning to show. We rejoice with the new owners Bill and Linda Hoch, Peter Schulze and Grace Zerra.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES



Masses Schedule Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, Saturday, 5:30 P.M.; Sunday, 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. Immaculate Conception, Mill River, Sunday 10:00 A.M.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning Worship each Sunday 10:30 A.M.

Worship Returns to Sanctuary

The winter schedule during which we have been worshipping in the social room, will end on Palm Sunday, Mar. 30. On that day our worship will return to its regular place in the sanctuary. Many have enjoyed the more intimate, face-to-face setting in the social room, but even so all look forward to the return to the sanctuary.

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday will be celebrated with the return to the sanctuary following the winter season church worship in the social room. Palms will be distributed to all worshipers.

Maundy Thursday, on April 3 at 7:30 P.M. will celebrate Holy Communion with the Office of Tenbrae. This reverent service, using the contrasting effects of light and darkness, is ancient in its origins but it still speaks strongly to present-day persons.

Good Friday, April 4, there will be no formal service but the church will be open all day with literature available suitable for meditation and prayer on this day.

Easter Day, April 6, Easter worship will be at the 10:30 A.M. hour. The scriptures to be used will be Exodus 15:1-11, I Corinthians 15:20-26 and Luke 24:13-35. Worshipers are encouraged to study these passages beforehand. The sermon will be "God's Life for Us". The choir is busy on music appropriate for the highnote of celebration.

Good Friday Pilgrimage For Hunger

On Good Friday, April 4, a 20 mile walk for hunger will be held in Berkshire County following a route between Great Barrington and Stockbridge. The Harvest of Hope is the sponsoring organization. Three projects to help

have been selected: (1) The campaign for Human Development, established in 1979 by the Roman Catholic bishops of the nation to correct social injustice, the root cause of hunger and poverty. (2) Sharing, Inc., founded in 1972 to help poor Blacks in the South help themselves. (3) CROP, created in 1947 as the Community Hunger Appeal of Church World Service.

Both youth groups will have members participating in the Good Friday Pilgrimage For Hunger. Any other is invited. Those walking will be seeking persons in the community to sponsor them for the miles they walk. The Monterey Church will serve as a clearing house to receive the contributions of those who wish to sponsor walkers. You may call 528-1031 if you wish to sponsor a walker.

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

Monterey Grange observed Booster Night March 5, Deputy Lucy A. Wuori was guest speaker and State Membership Chairman Michael Martin and Julie Markham a member of the State Youth Committee outlined their contests for the year. Members from Sandisfield, Hinsdale, Sheffield, Lummington and Monterey Members and some non-members enjoyed a variety program. Next meeting will be March 19. There will be a Home and Community Program in charge of Alice Shoffer and her committee. Members are asked to bring articles for a County Store to benefit the Kitchen fund.

Mary Wallace, Lecturer

P E R S O N A L S

Ivy, a little Lhasa Apso dog, is often seen trotting after her mistress along the streets of Great Barrington, with a barrette holding back her hair so she can see the people who stop to say hello to her. Lhasas never forget - places, things and people. Ivy, 7 years old, just produced her first litter. She had 7 puppies: Ivy got an infection, so the pups had to be fed, with eyedropper, every 2 hours, day and night, for 4 days. Ivy, with shots and pills, is back to normal, and can take over now, with the exception of Pablum twice a day administered by the "boss." On March 8 the pups were a month old, and they are all very fat and sassy. By the way, Ivy's proud mistress is Joan Reed.

Helen Shaw is home from the hospital recuperating from an operation.

William and Joan Vogel and their son, Joshua became residents of Monterey during the past month. Their home is on Chestnut Road. They came from Pownell, Vermont.

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Great Barrington Camera Club

On Wednesday, March 12 at 8 P.M. in St. James Parrish Hall the Camera Club held another monthly meeting. At this meeting, a slide show, presented by Eleanor Backes was shown on the topic of "Turkey".

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts The Cub Scouts of both Dens 1 and 2 participated with the Monterey Brownie troop in a stamp collecting presentation. Sandy Tynan of the Pittsfield Post Office gave this presentation on Feb. 28 at the New Marlboro Central School. Sandy Tynan gave a slide show on the basic fundamentals of stamp collecting. Stamp

collecting folders were also distributed to all of the youth group members.

Den 1, led by Mrs. Maryellen Brown, participated in a Winter Sports Day on March 15 at the Chesterfield Boy Scout Reservation.

Den 2, the Wolves, led by Mrs. Callahan, made kites at their meeting on March 7. After constructing them, the Scouts went out and flew them.

GIRL SCOUTS

Juniors and Cadettes Cookie sales have just concluded with the girls setting a new record for this troop. Hearty congratulations to only eight girls who sold \$1,000 and fifty cents worth of cookies. Thank you to all who bought our cookies. Last Wednesday, March 12, the girls joined other troops in Gt. Barrington for a Birthday Party to celebrate Girl Scouting's 68th birthday.

Brownies After the winter school vacation, Brownie meetings resumed on February 28. Brownie Troop #237 joined the Cub Scouts at New Marlboro Central School for a talk and movie on the hobby of stamp collecting. They all received a commemorative Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club card stamped for them that day at the Mill River Post Office by Postmistress Adelaide D. Schwarz.

On March 6, they walked to the Monterey Fire House where they were met by Monterey fireman, Tony Reed. He gave the girls a tour of the firehouse, showing them the two fire trucks and he explained how a volunteer fire department works.

Field Trip for the Third and Fourth Grades

Grades 3 and 4 of New Marlboro Central School travelled to Pittsfield on March 5 for a visit to the Berkshire Museum. Grade 4 toured the Japanese exhibit where they got to taste a variety of Japanese foods using chopsticks. They also practiced the art of Japanese hand writing and were able to try on a Kimono. Grade 3, was met by naturalist, Nicholas Crane and they explored the Natural History exhibit at the museum.

Testing at Mt. Everett

The fifth biennial district-wide testing program will be conducted in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District during the week of May 5. All students, grades 1 to 12, will take the Stanford Achievement Test. Grades 1 and 4 will also take the Otis Lennon Mental Ability Tests, which measure scholastic aptitude. The Stanford Achievement Test covers such areas of knowledge as vocabulary, reading comprehension, mathematics application, spelling, language, social science, science and listening comprehension. The content of the Stanford test varies with the grade level. At the lowest primary level, children are not tested on mathematics application, language, social science or science. Grades 9 to 12 are tested only on reading comprehension, mathematics concepts, and language skills. The district-wide tests were last administered in 1978.

Monterey Youth Groups

Both groups are planning on participating in the "Good Friday Pilgrimage for Hunger" being sponsored by the Harvest of Hope. They are seeking persons who will sponsor them. Another project both groups are considering as a service project is to help on clearing sections of the Appalachian Trail in Monterey. This project may get underway when the weather clears in the Spring.

The Monterey Youth Group held a winter retreat at Camp Silver Lake in Sharon, Con. on Feb. 29 - March 1. It was enjoyed so much that the group wants to plan for a similar event next winter. Nancy Lefever joined Dr. Brallier as an adult advisor for the event.

Both the Junior Group and the Senior Group consider themselves fortunate that Mark Boucher, a staff person at Gould Farm is helping as an adult advisor. Guy Bonavitacola has assisted several times as an adult advisor.

Kevin Bradley
Youth Editor

PERSONALS (continued)

Thomas Yoke and Dianne Seely were united in marriage on February 16 by a ceremony in the Monterey United Church of Christ. Dr. Virgil V. Brallier officiated. Most of their weekends will be in Monterey at their Bidwell Road home.

Dean Amidon is home recovering from a leg injury.

Peter and Evelyn Vallianos became the parents of a son, Jeremy, on March 1.

Richard and Patricia Hardisty became the parents of a daughter, Heather Marie on March 11.

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I was talking to a friend the other day who said to me, "Do you have any skills?" And I said, "Skills? Well I do a lot of things but I don't consider them skills."

This started me thinking...

Then I realized I love to work with music and peoples' voices, and I've always wanted to get involved with creative education, and I thoroughly enjoy exploring new ways of gardening. So it finally occurred to me:

YES, I do have skills. Skills which I genuinely want to share which are assets to the community and likewise are means of income for me.

Just as this is a time when our country must become more energy self-reliant, so is this the time for us to become more community reliant.

Community Reliance

What does it mean?

To many of us the most important function of our daily lives is earning a living. The more familiar we are with each others' skills, occupations, and professional trades or crafts, the easier it will be to give our friends and neighbors economic support.

Historically, across America, small towns were born and flourished on the principle of Community Reliance. It is now necessary for us to examine how we can strengthen our own trade interaction more than it's ever been.

It is for this purpose that the Monterey Directory is being born.

The Directory will be an index of names, addresses, telephone numbers, business services, professions, occupations, crafts, hobbies, skills, interests, etc. It will provide all of us with a friendly awareness of each other, and will create the means by which the people of Monterey, and all other interested patrons, will be able to sell, trade, exchange, barter and give of their skills and capabilities and love.

How this Directory is put together will be determined by the enthusiasm of your response, your comments and your ideas. The success of this directory will be the result of your desire to be a part of the growing spirit of Monterey.

If you would like to include yourself in the Monterey Directory, please complete the following form. (More forms can be obtained from Walsh's Service Station, the front of the Monterey General Store, or the Roadside Store). Please return forms to any of the above locations, or mail to P.O. Box 38, Monterey. Publication date will be early June (in time for the summer season), so all forms must be submitted by May 20th.

It is hoped that the Directory will be beneficial for everyone in Town.

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HOBBIES AND INTERESTS (athletic, artistic, collecting, games etc.)

PRODUCTS OR MERCHANDISE OFFERED (crafts products, handmade goods, produce and food products, commercial products etc.)

OTHER COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

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OTHER COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

If you would like your child(ren) (age 0-up) listed in the youth directory, please complete the following. (use another piece of paper for additional space.)

NAME _____ YEAR OF BIRTH _____

SKILLS OR SERVICES OFFERED (IF APPLICABLE)

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